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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PORTFOLIO:

Understanding interactions between atoms, molecules, ions, and radiation.

LIST SUB-AREAS IN PORTFOLIO:

- **Cold Quantum Gases**
 - Strongly-interacting quantum gases
 - Ultracold molecules
 - New phases of matter
 - Non-equilibrium quantum dynamics
- **Quantum Information Science (QIS)**
 - Quantum simulation
 - Quantum communication
 - Quantum metrology, sensing, and imaging
 - Cavity optomechanics



Scientific and Transformational Opportunities



Scientific Opportunities	Transformational Opportunities
Dipolar Matter, Ultracold Molecules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Novel phases of matter• Ultracold chemistry
Quantum Memories and Interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long-distance quantum communication
Quantum Simulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High-T_c superconductivity• Novel phases of matter
Quantum Metrology and Sensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ultra-high-precision clocks• High-resolution, high-sensitivity magnetometry• High-sensitivity gravimetry• Precision inertial navigation in GPS-denied environments
Non-equilibrium Quantum Dynamics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dynamic control of materials• Efficient optical devices





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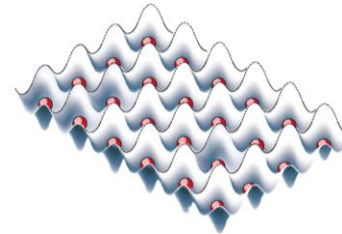


Strongly-correlated quantum gases



Optical lattices

Atoms interact strongly on lattice sites
Superfluid - Mott insulator transition

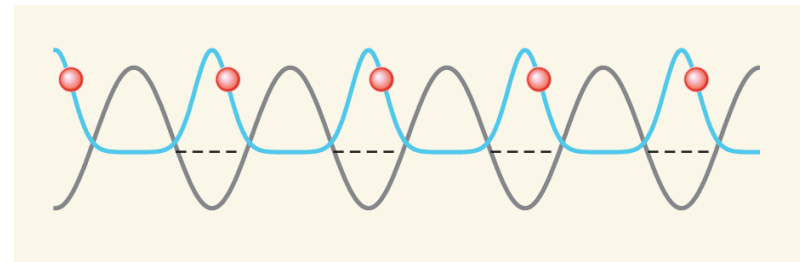
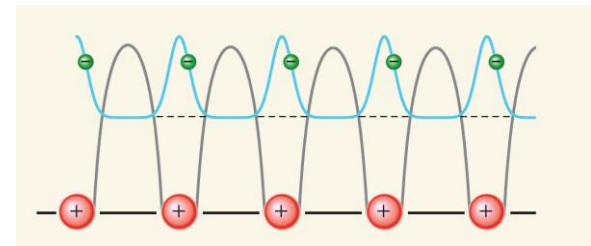


Synthetic matter, quantum simulations

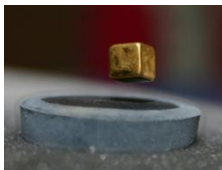
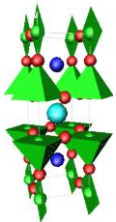
Electrons in a crystal lattice



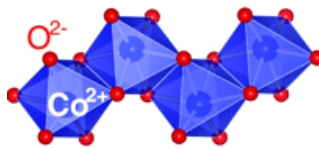
Atoms in an optical lattice



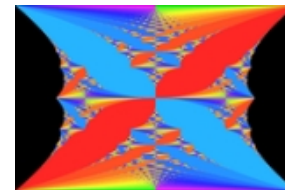
Strongly correlated materials



High Tc superconductors



Quantum magnets



Quasi-low
dimensional
materials

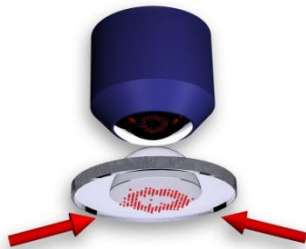
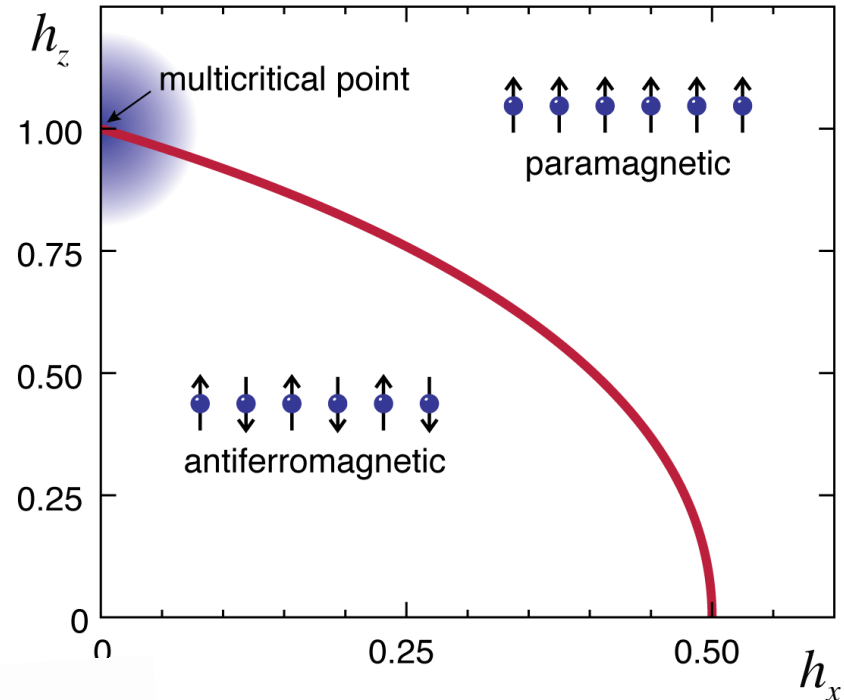


Quantum magnetism



Ising model:

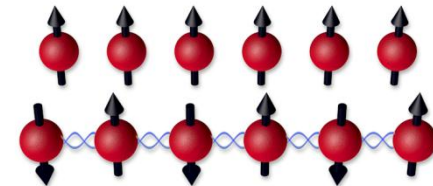
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from paramagnet to
antiferromagnet*



**Quantum gas
microscope**



**Algorithmic
cooling**



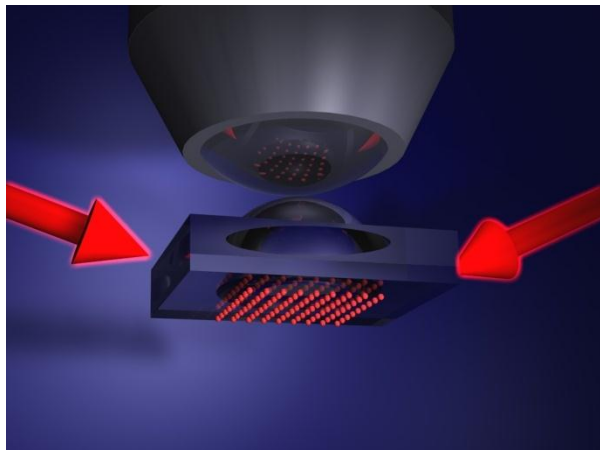
**Quantum
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Quantum Gas Microscope

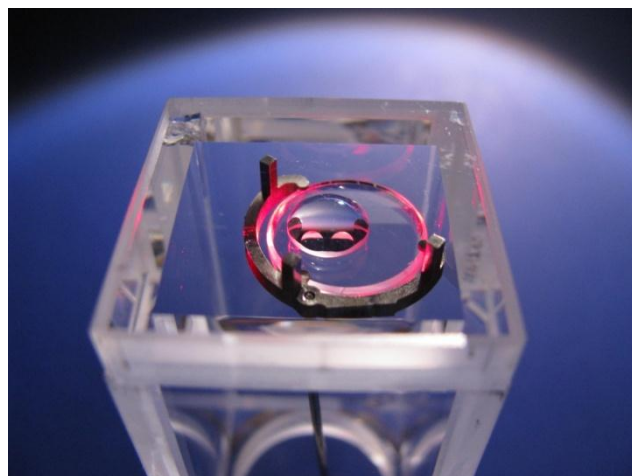
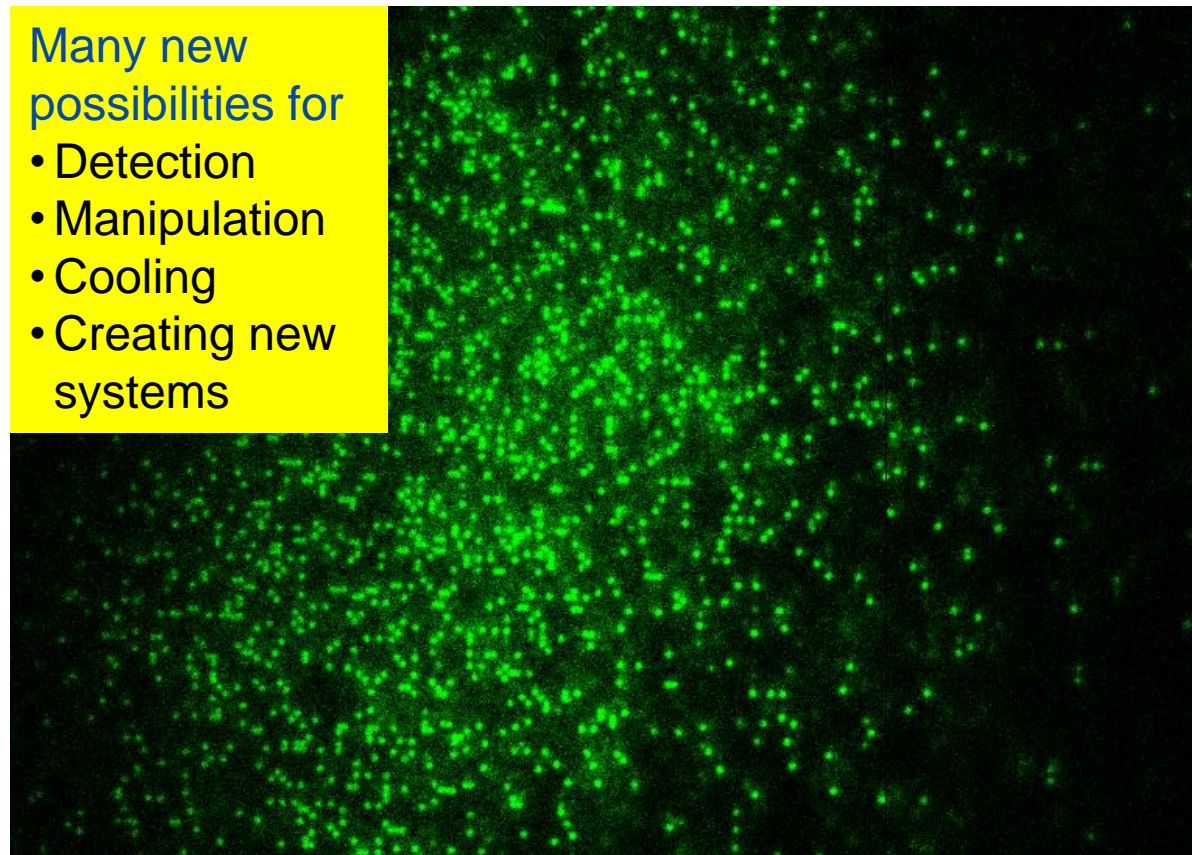


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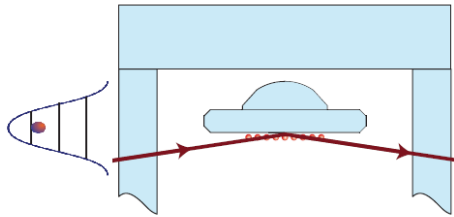
Many new possibilities for

- Detection
- Manipulation
- Cooling
- Creating new systems





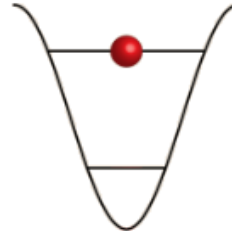
Interaction induced orbital excitation blockade



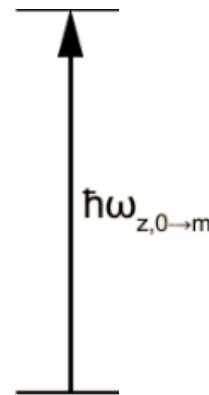
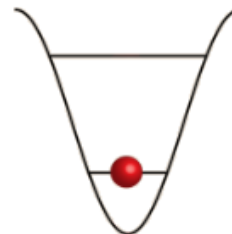
Axial vibrational excitation

$$|n_{\text{ground}}, n_{\text{excited}}\rangle$$

$$|0, 1\rangle$$



$$|1, 0\rangle$$

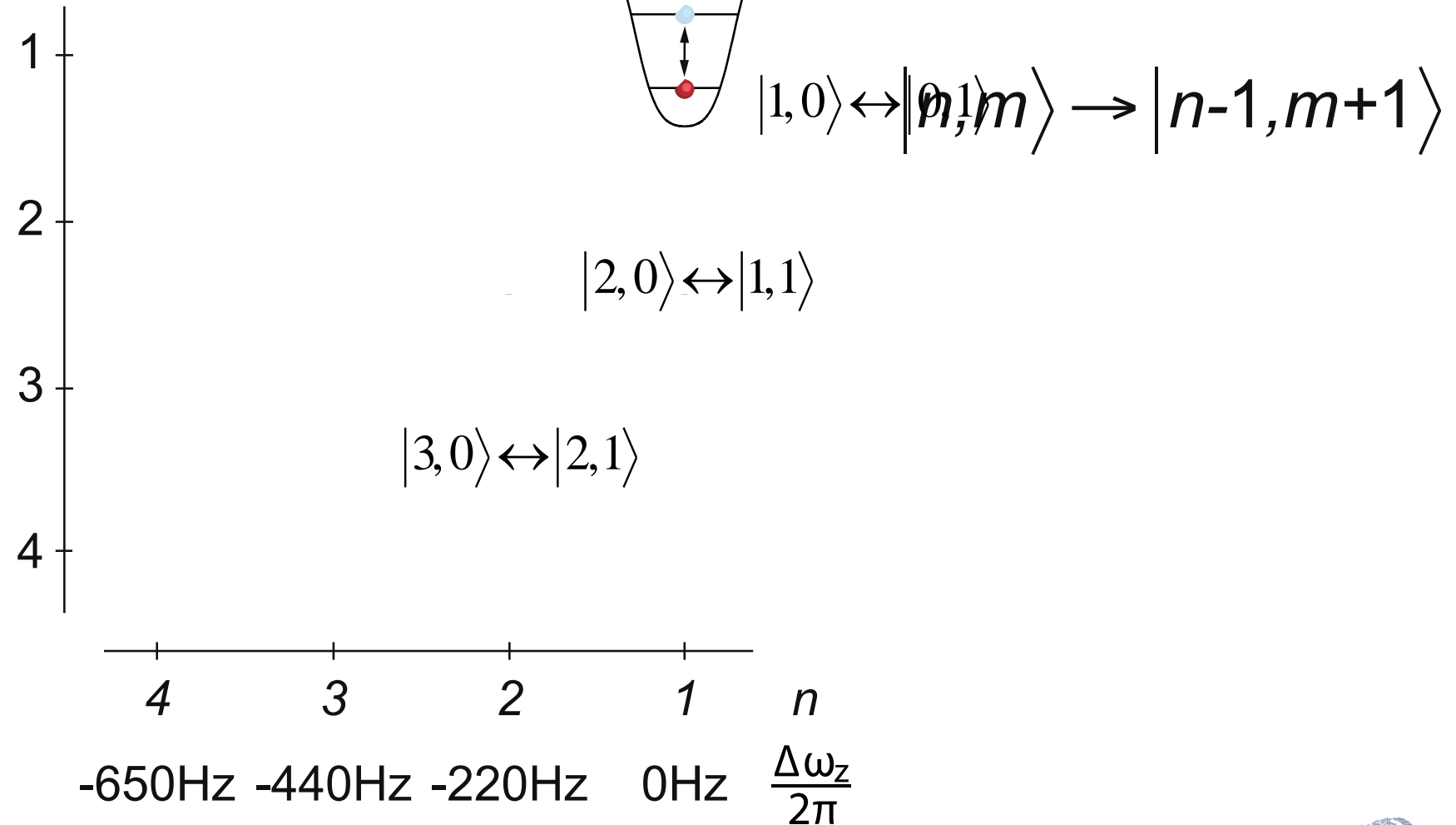




Orbital excitation blockade operations



$$n_{tot} = n + m$$





Algorithmic cooling



Random occupation



Filter operations

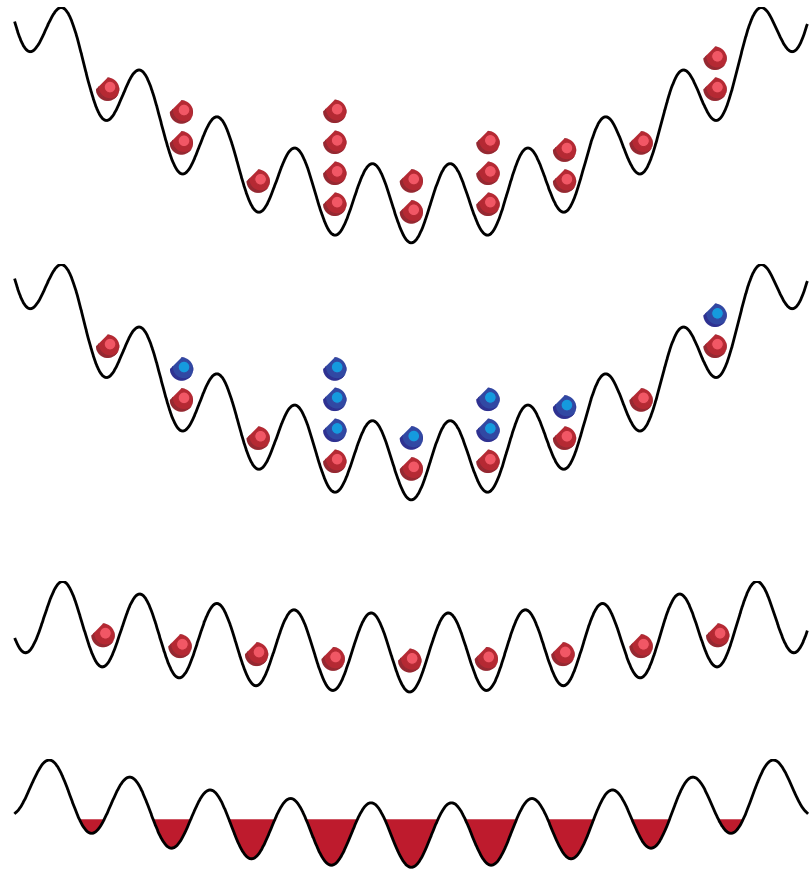
$4 \rightarrow 3$, $3 \rightarrow 2$, $2 \rightarrow 1$



Mott insulator

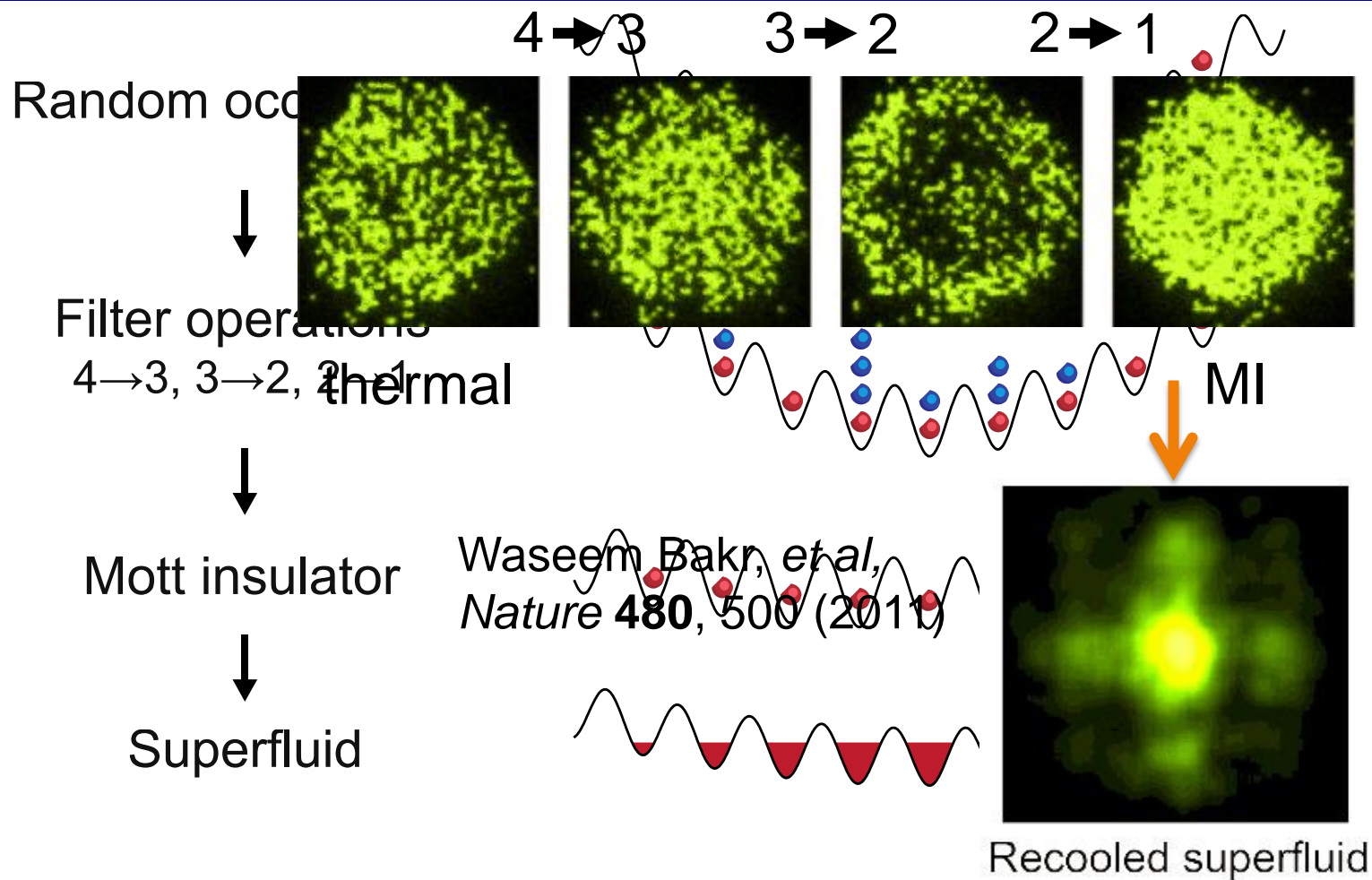


Superfluid





Algorithmic cooling

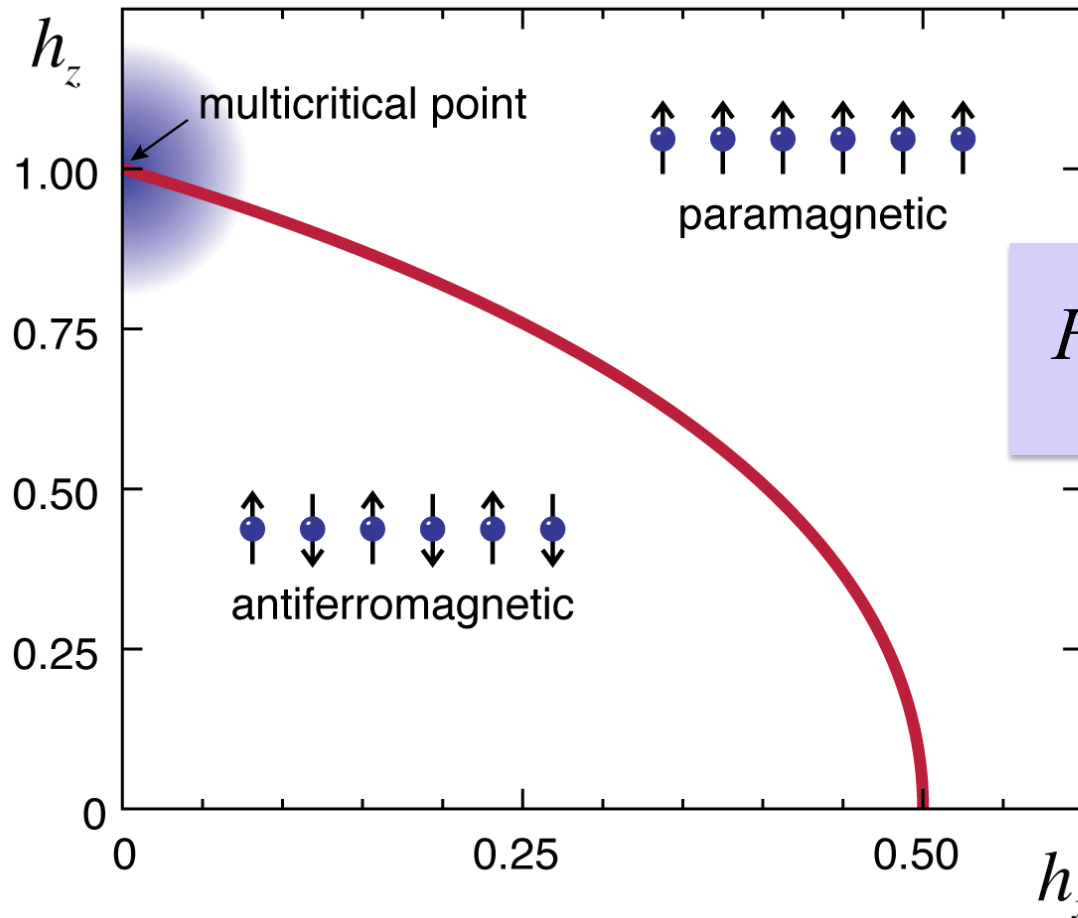




Quantum Magnetism



Quantum simulation of an antiferromagnetic Ising spin chain



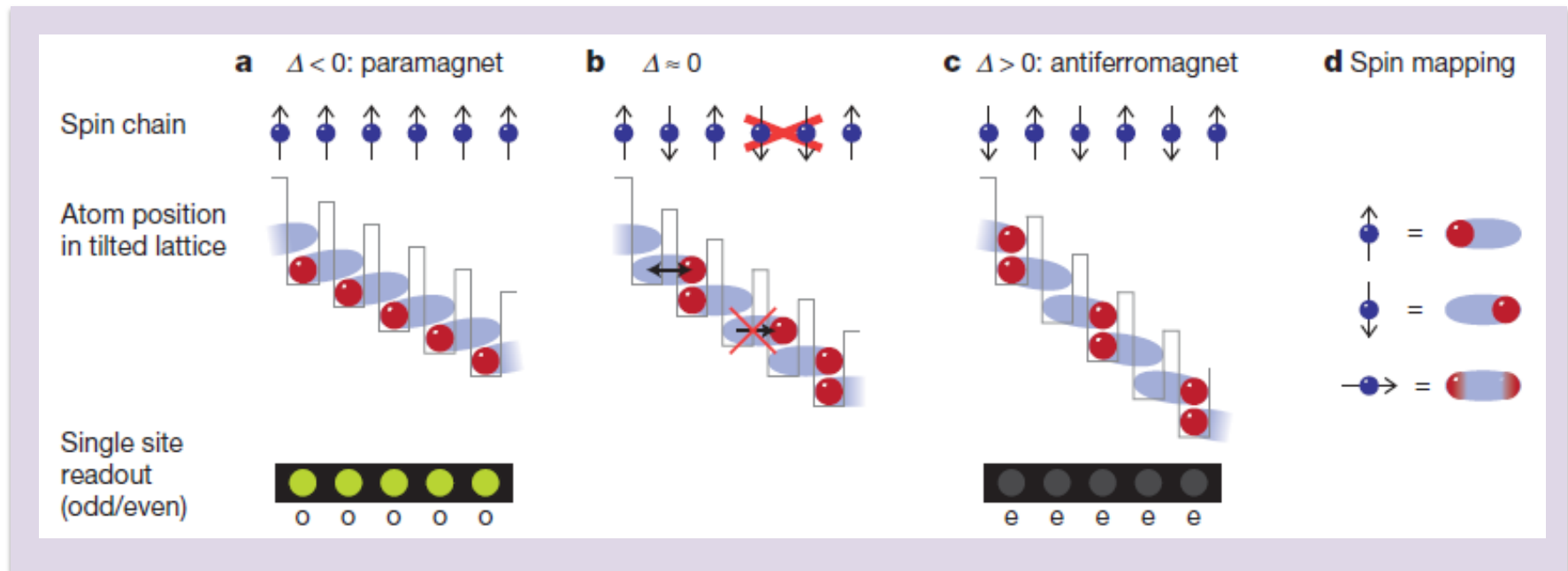
$$H = J \sum_i \hat{a} S_z^i S_z^{i+1} - h_z S_z^i - h_x S_x^i$$

$h_x = 0$: classical first order phase transition

Finite h_x : quantum phase transition, second order



Tilted Hubbard Model and Mapping to Spin Model



realizes constraint *drives transition*

$$H = J \sum_i \left[\overbrace{S_z^i S_z^{i+1}}^{h_z} - (1 - \tilde{D}) \overbrace{S_z^i}^{h_x} - 2^{3/2} \tilde{t} S_x^i \right]$$

$$D = E - U$$

E: energy difference per lattice site, or lattice tilt

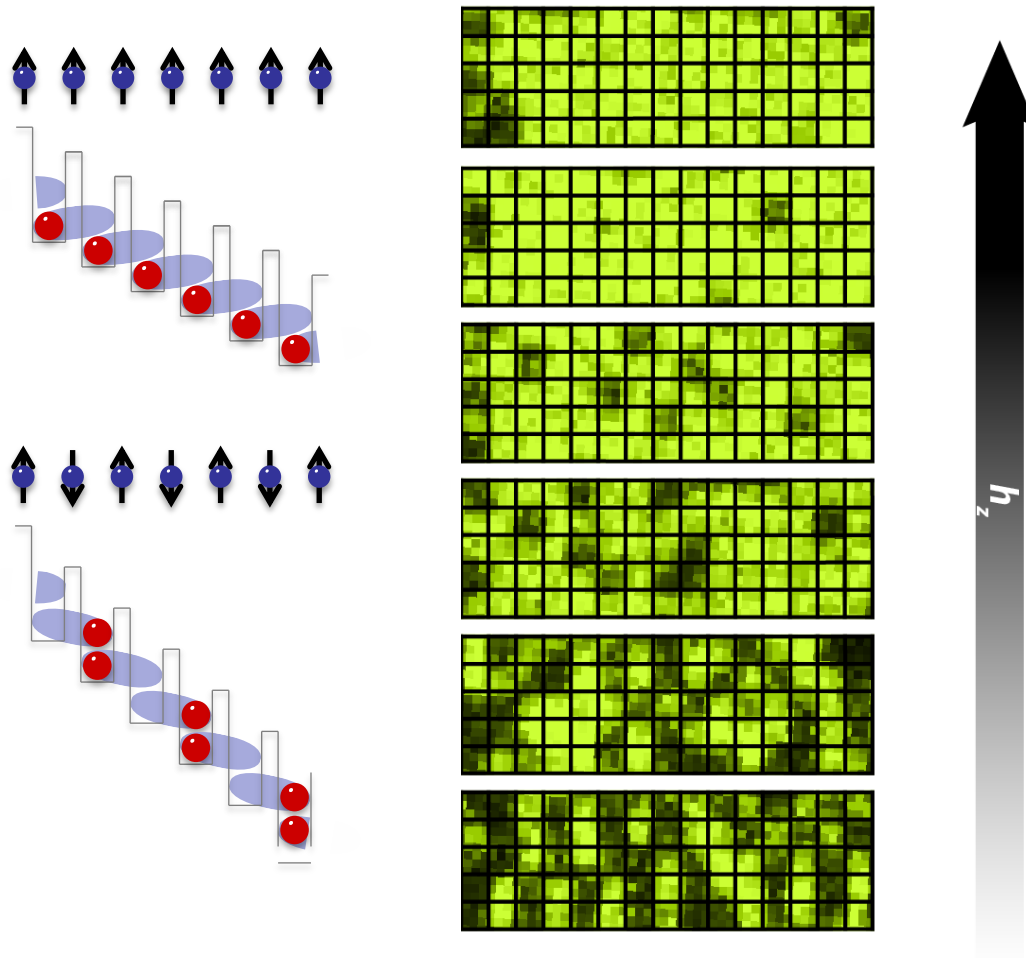
U: onsite interaction



Adiabatic transition to the AF state



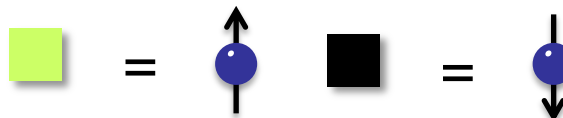
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- High magnetic field:
spins align with field

- Low magnetic field:
antiferromagnetic
interactions
dominate, producing
Neel order

Modulation spectroscopy:
turn double occupancy
into single occupancy

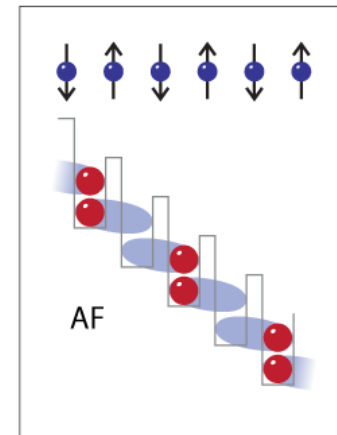
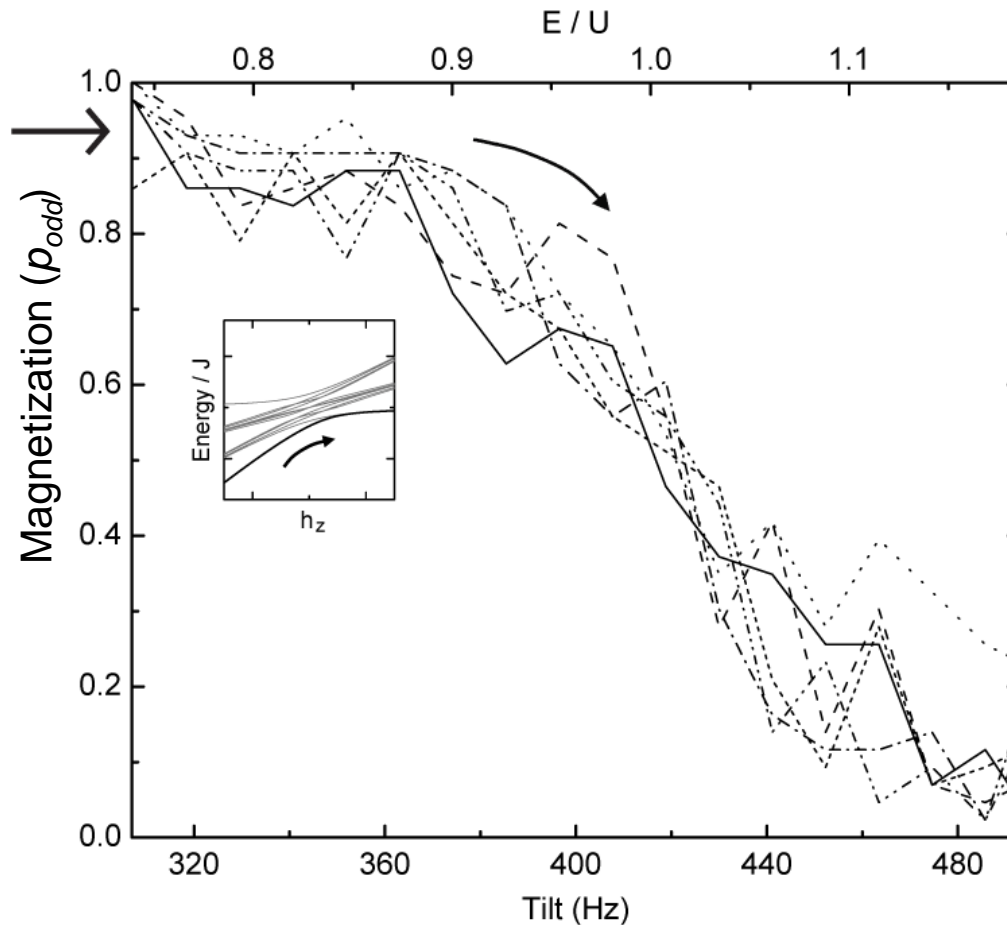
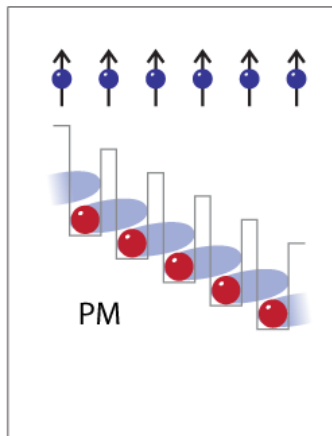


Direct spin imaging
preliminary





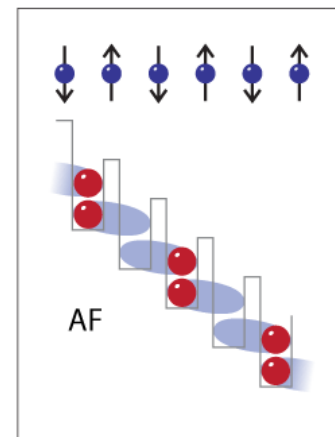
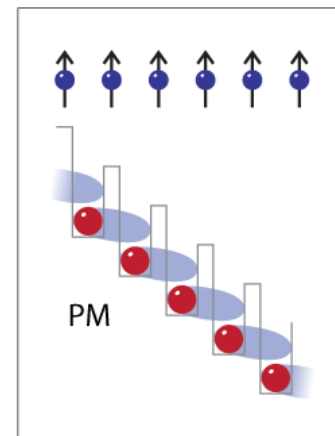
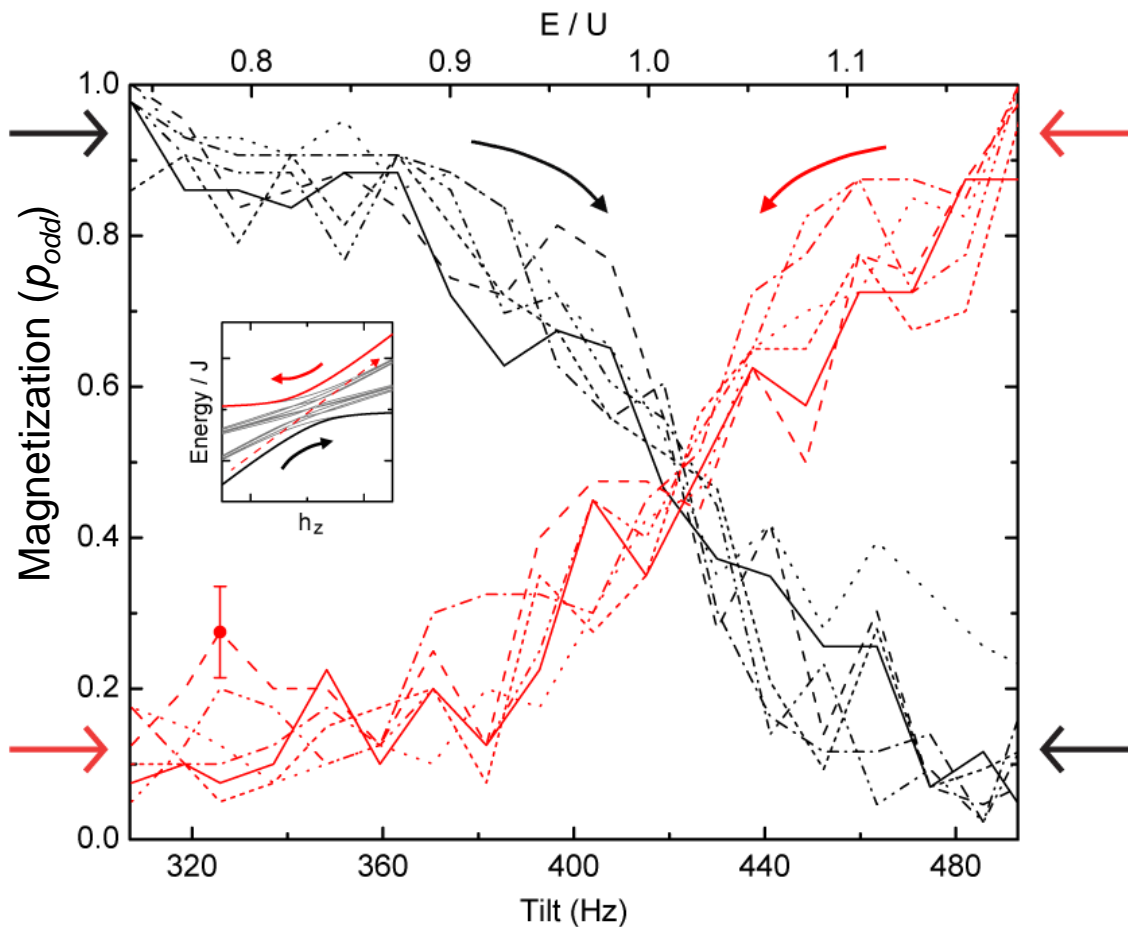
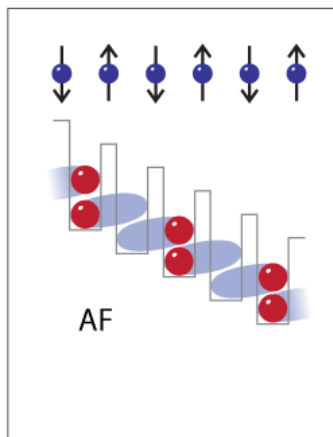
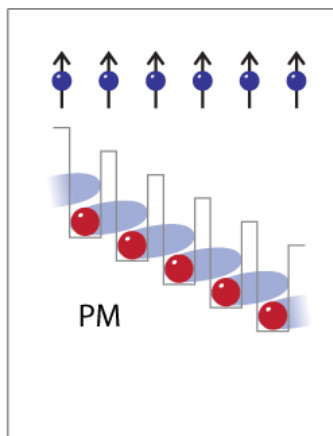
Selecting homogeneous domain



- 6 adjacent sites that transition simultaneously (RMS shift 6 Hz)
- Compare to 10%-90% width (105 Hz) and transverse field (28 Hz)



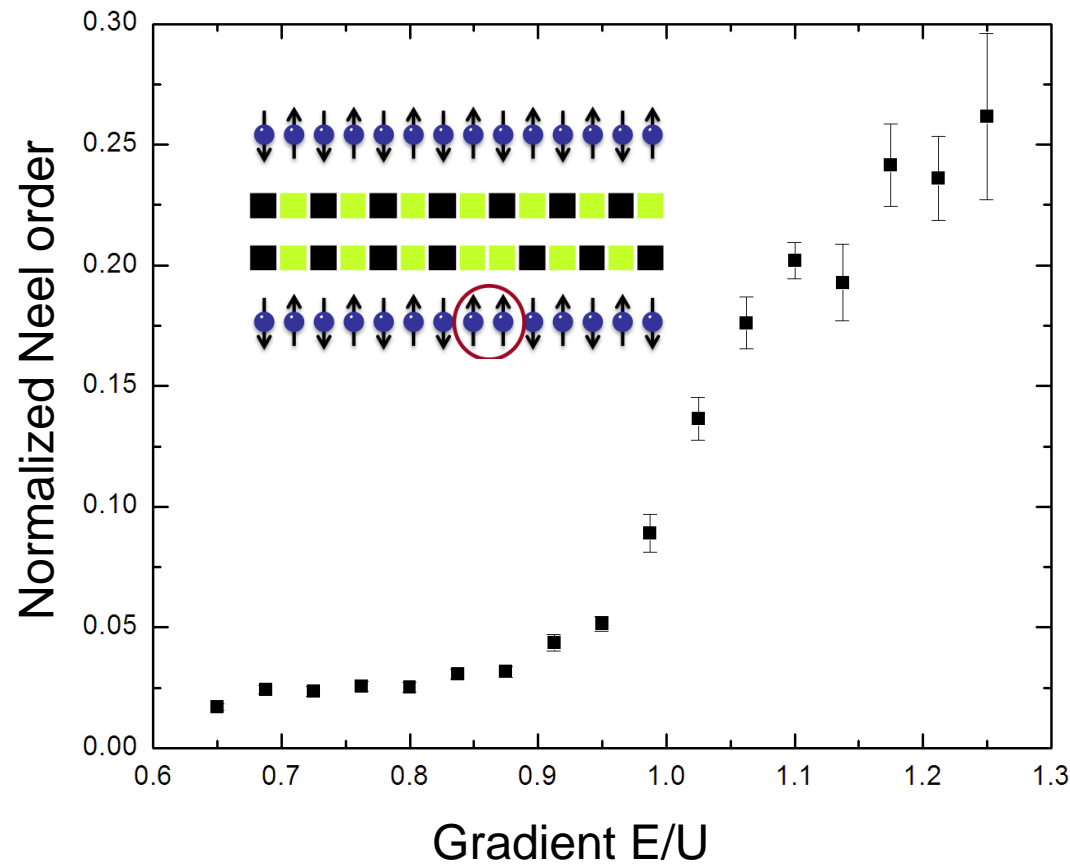
Transitioning at highest and lowest energy many-body state



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Direct measurement of Neel order parameter





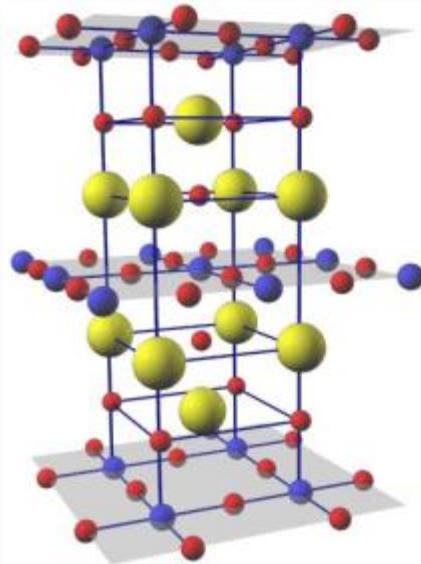
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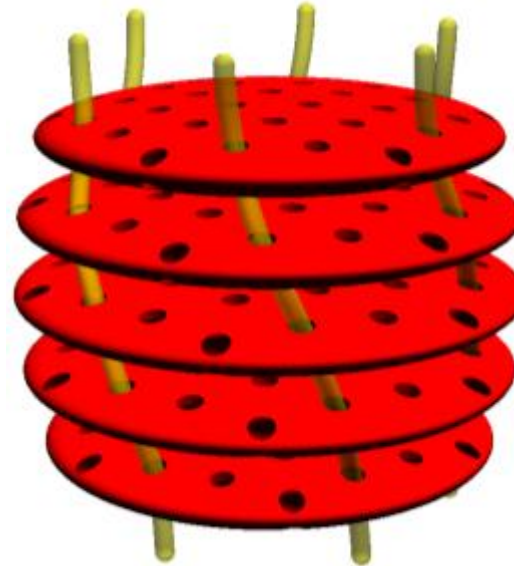
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Strongly Interacting Fermi Gases in coupled quasi-2D layers



**High- T_c Superconductor
with stacks of CuO planes**



**Stacks of 2D coupled
fermionic superfluids**

- Access physics of layered superconductors
- Evolution of Fermion Pairing from 3D to 2D
- Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless transition in deep 2D limit



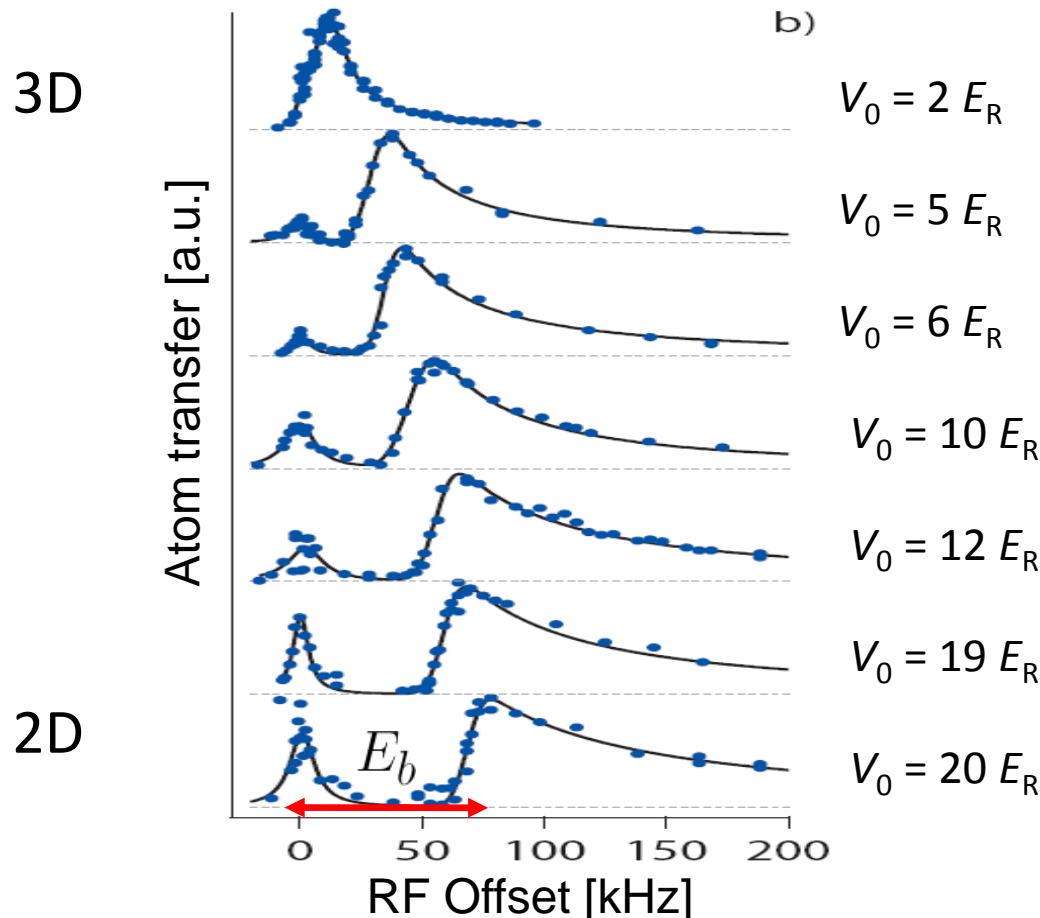
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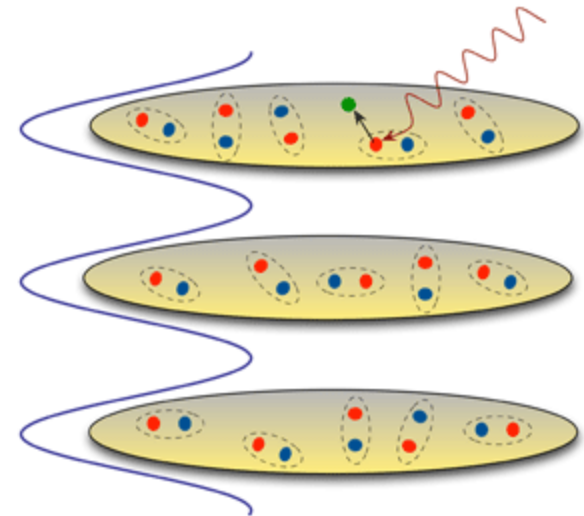
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Density of States: 3D $\sim \sqrt{\epsilon}$
2D *const.*

Direct consequence:
Always a bound state in 2D

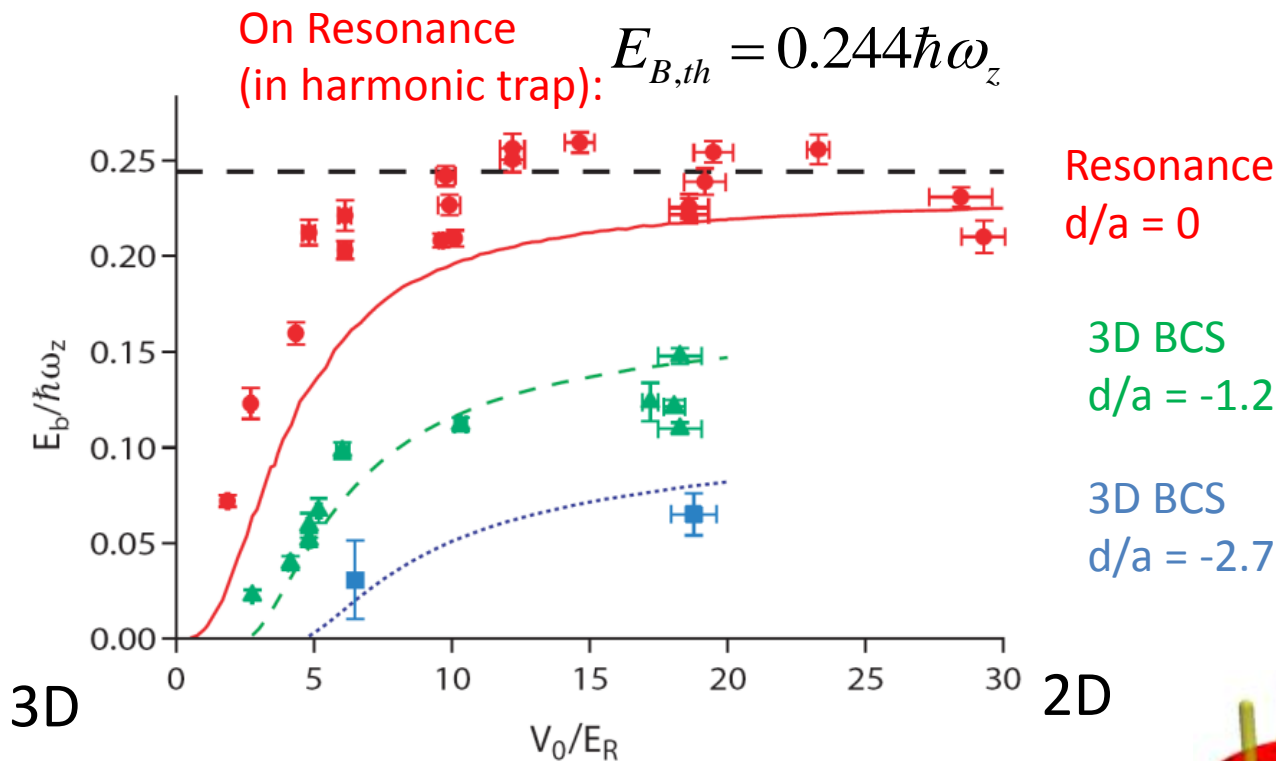


RF spectroscopy:





Evolution of Fermion Pairing from 3D to 2D



- Observed fermion pairing from 3D to 2D
 - Are those pairs superfluid?
 - Study coherence, thermodynamics, rotation...
 - What is T_c as a function of interlayer tunneling?

Towards a recipe for high T_c

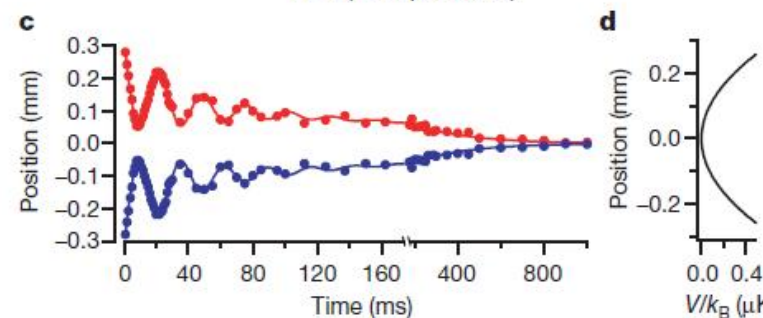
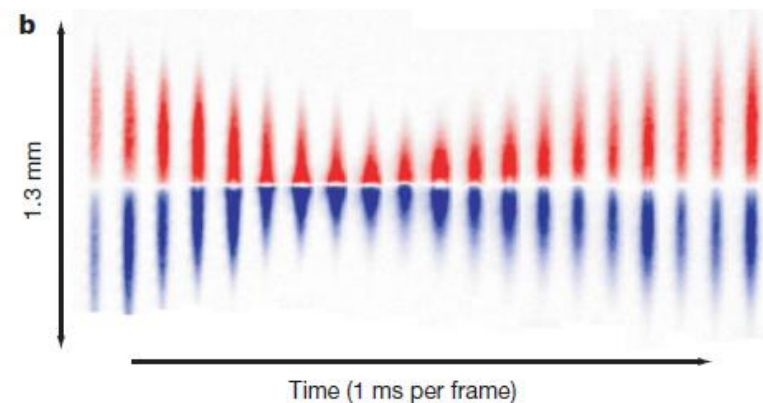
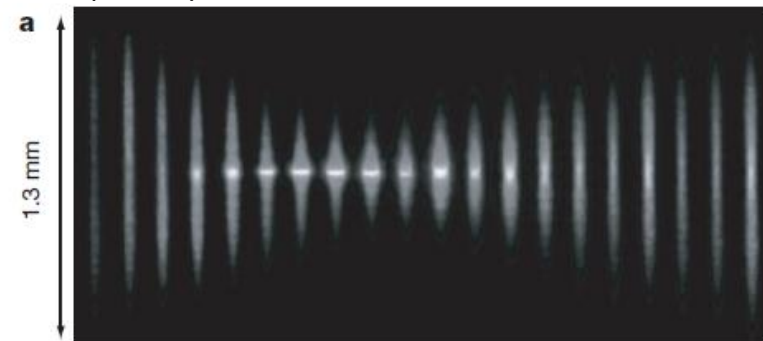
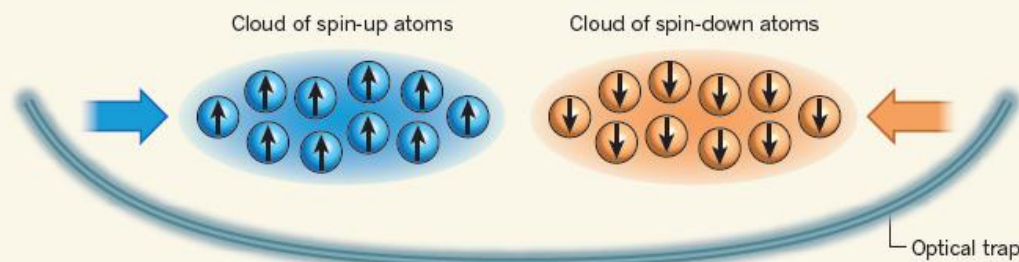




Spin Transport – “Little Fermi Collider” (LFC)

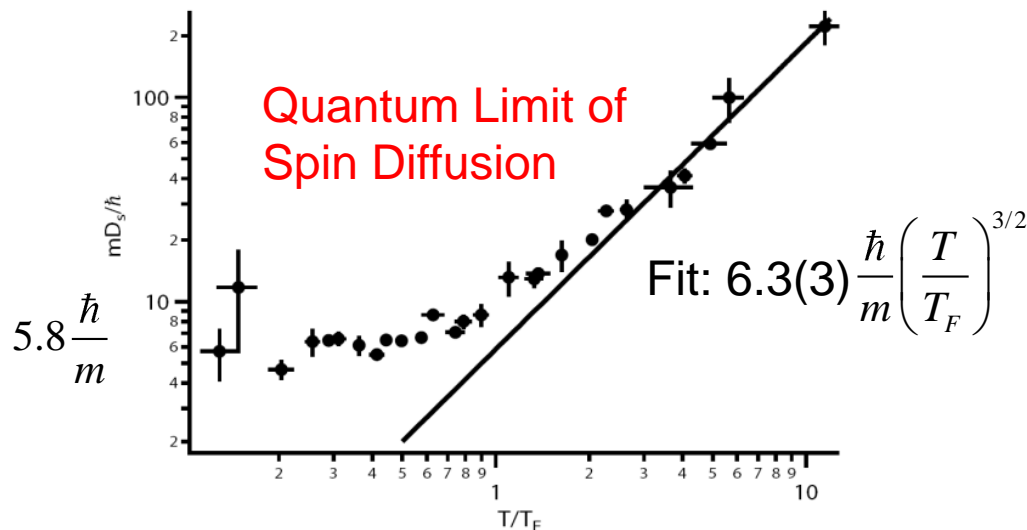


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Spin Diffusion vs. Temperature

Quantum Limit of Spin Diffusion





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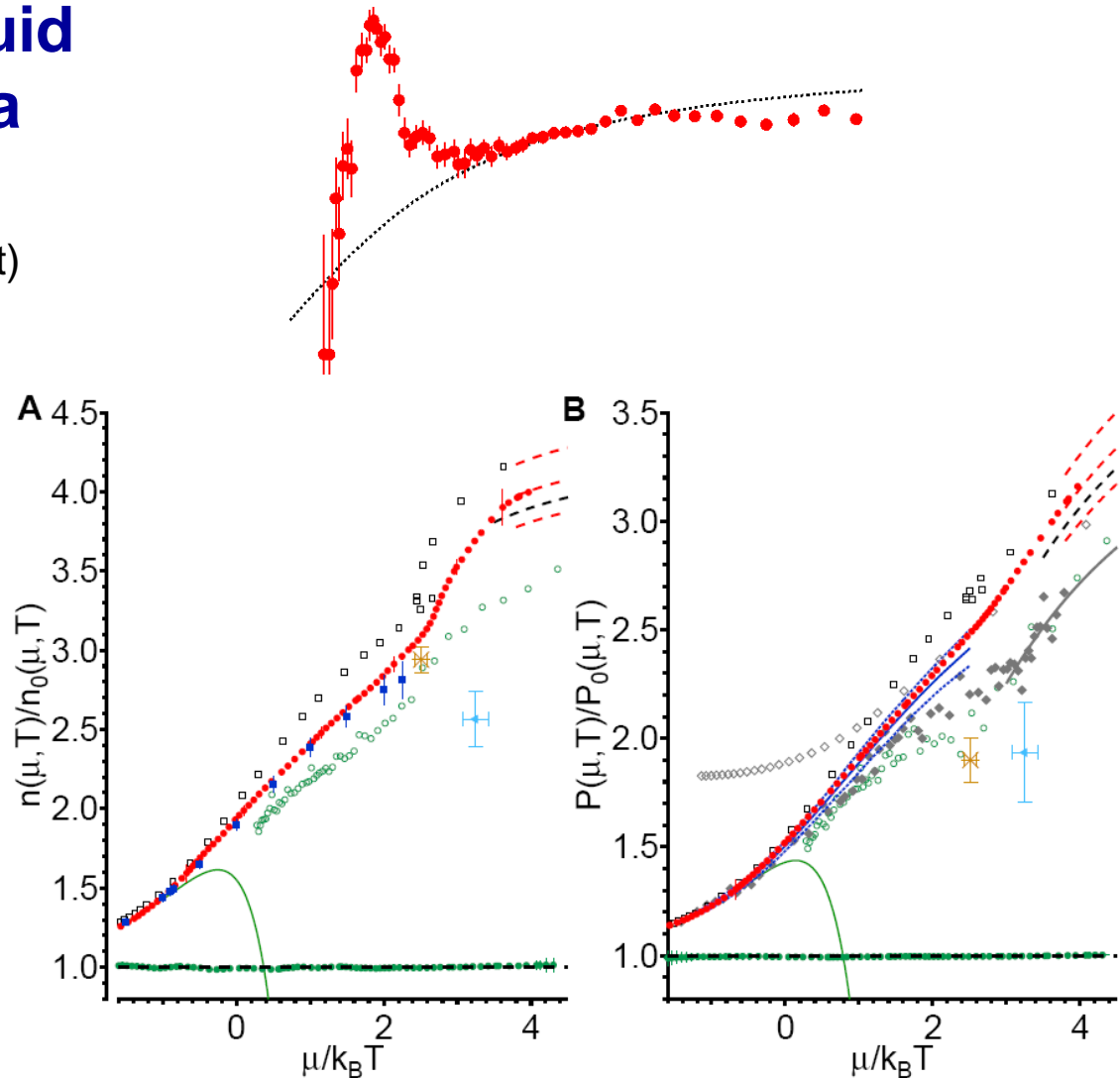


Revealing the Superfluid Lambda Transition in a Fermi Gas

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“Feynman diagrams versus Feynman quantum emulator”

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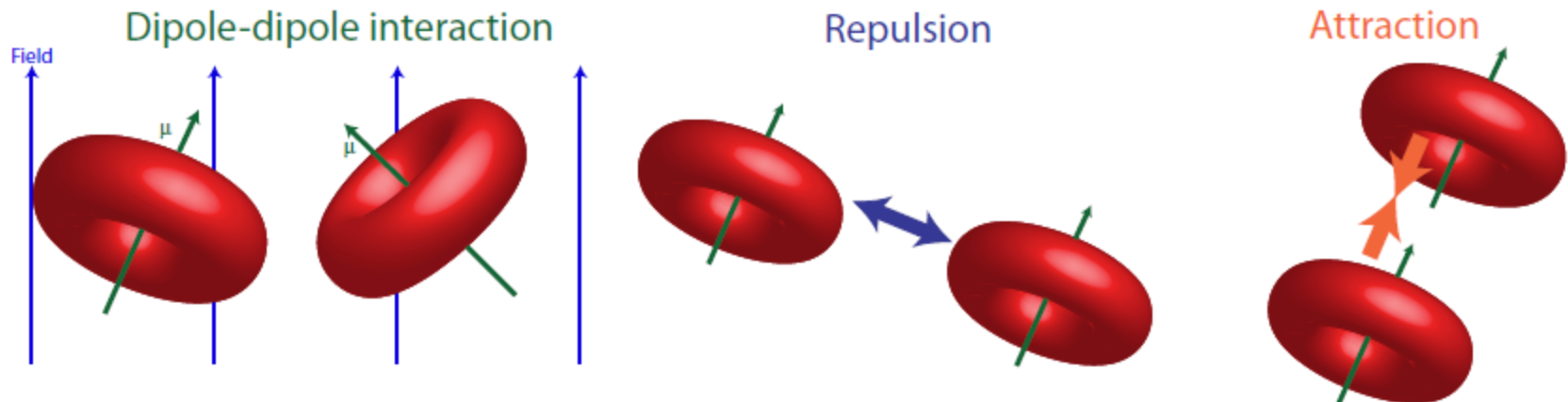


Ultracold Dipolar Physics



- Exploit strong, long-range r^{-3} , and anisotropic dipole-dipole interaction

$$V_d(r) = \frac{d^2}{r^3} (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta)$$





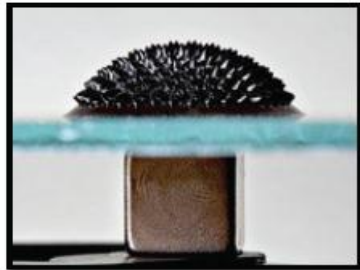
Ultracold dipolar Bose and Fermi gases: Exotic quantum phases



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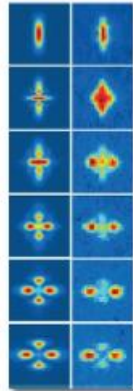
Bosons

Trap distortions, instabilities
spinors



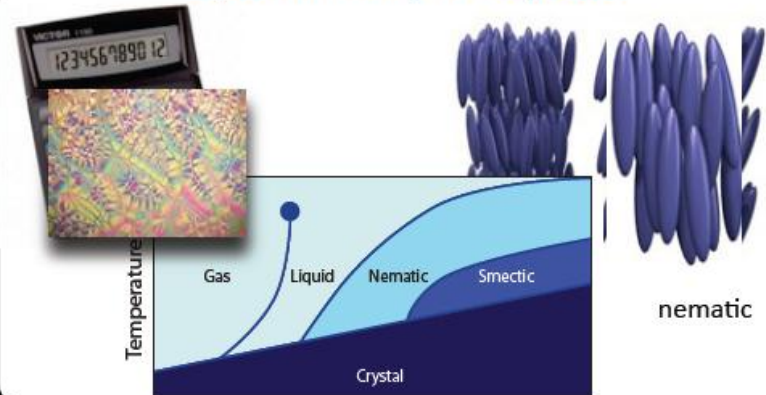
Quantum ferrofluids

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Pfau, et al. '08



Fermions

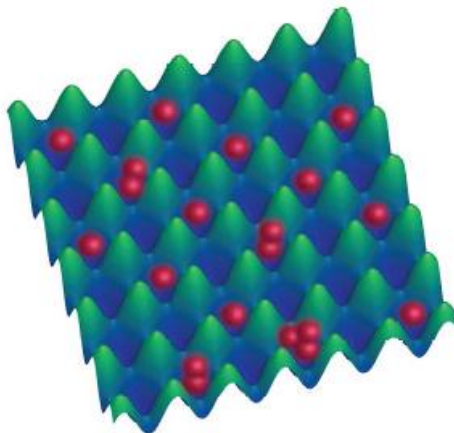
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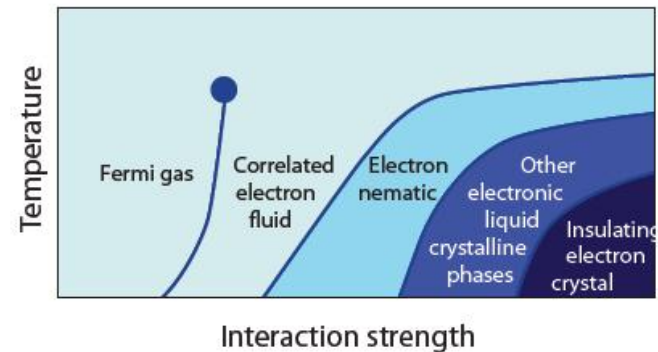
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Lattices

Density waves and supersolids



Lattice quantum liquid crystals



E. Fradkin, S. A. Kivelson, &
V. Oganesyan, Science '07



Laser cooling Dysprosium

Periodic Table of the Elements

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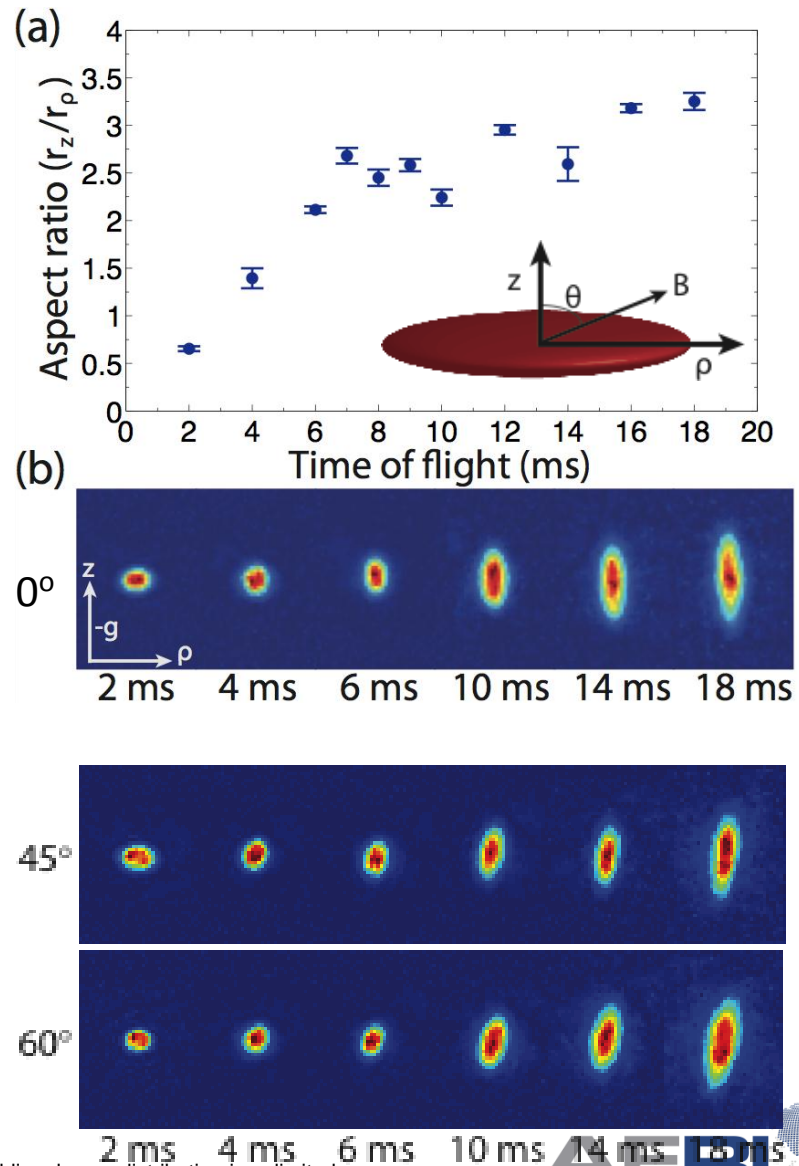
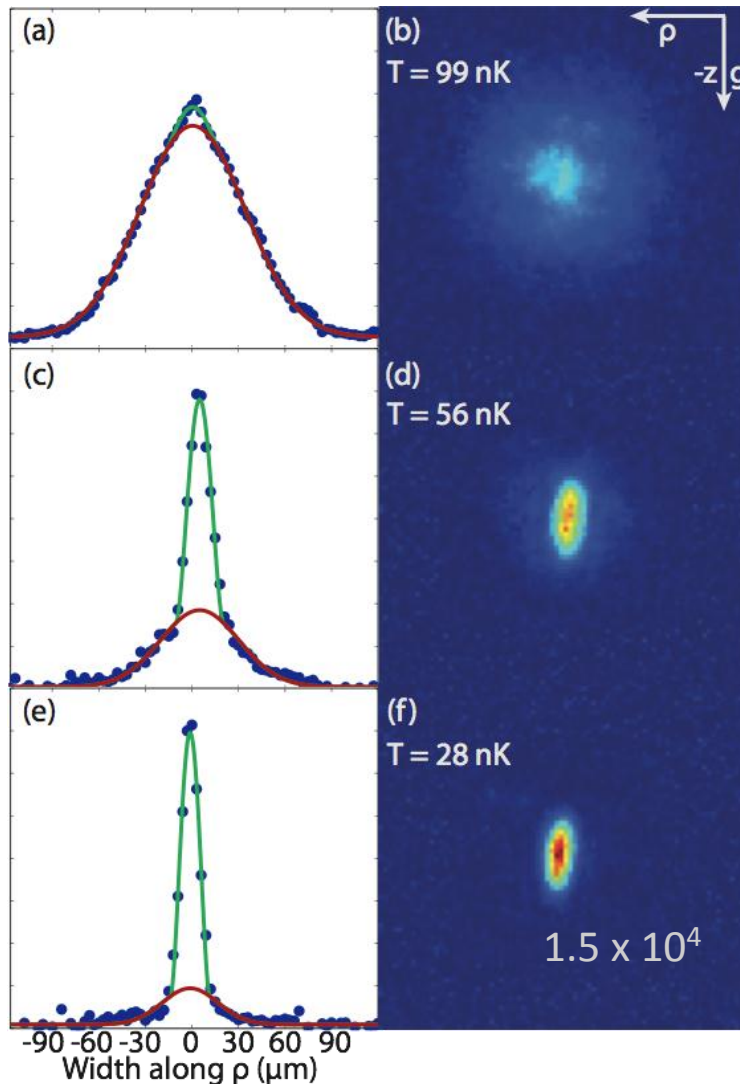


Strongly Dipolar Dy BEC

M. Lu, N. Burdick, S.-H. Youn, and B. Lev, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 107 190401 (2011)



BECs of ^{164}Dy and ^{162}Dy



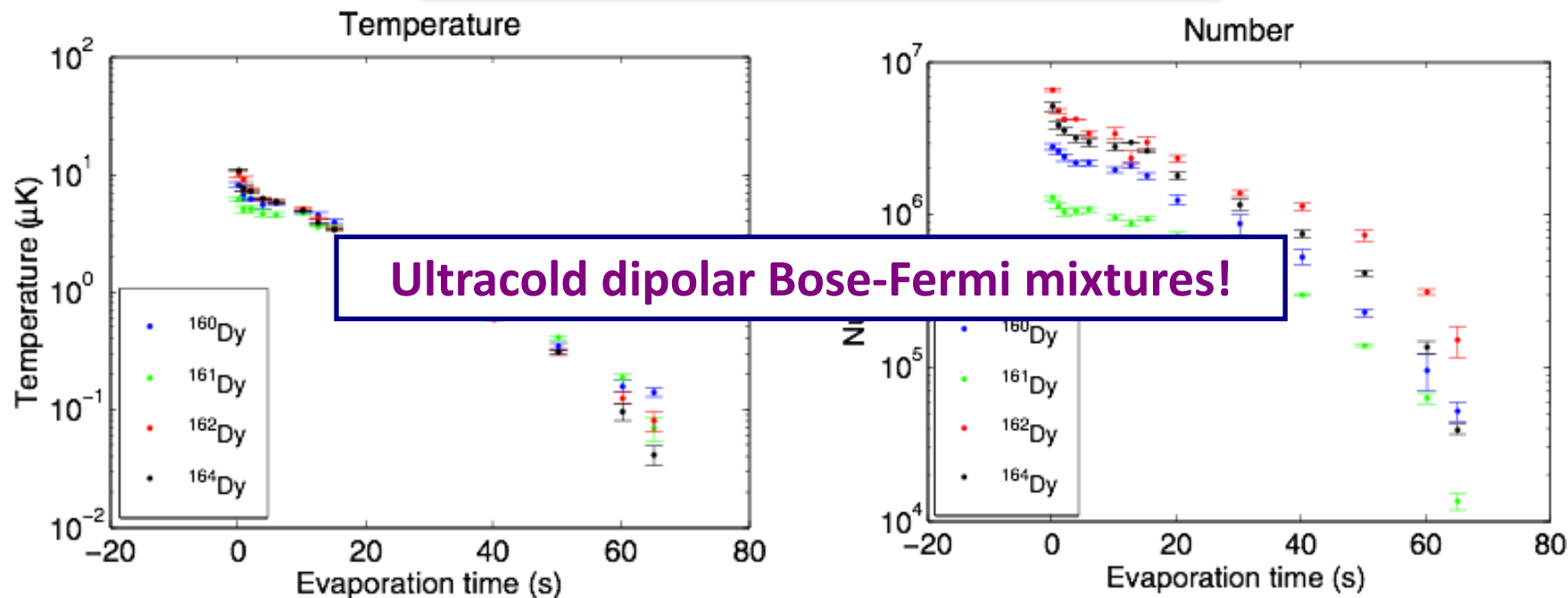
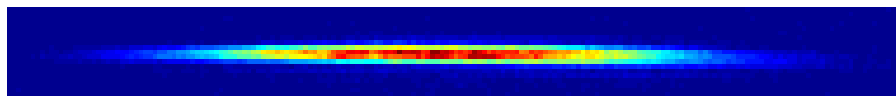


Evaporative cooling of all isotopes

Including identical fermions! $T/T_F = 1.3$ in crossed ODT



Single beam ODT



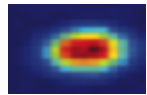
Universal dipolar scattering?

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First dipolar degenerate Fermi gas!

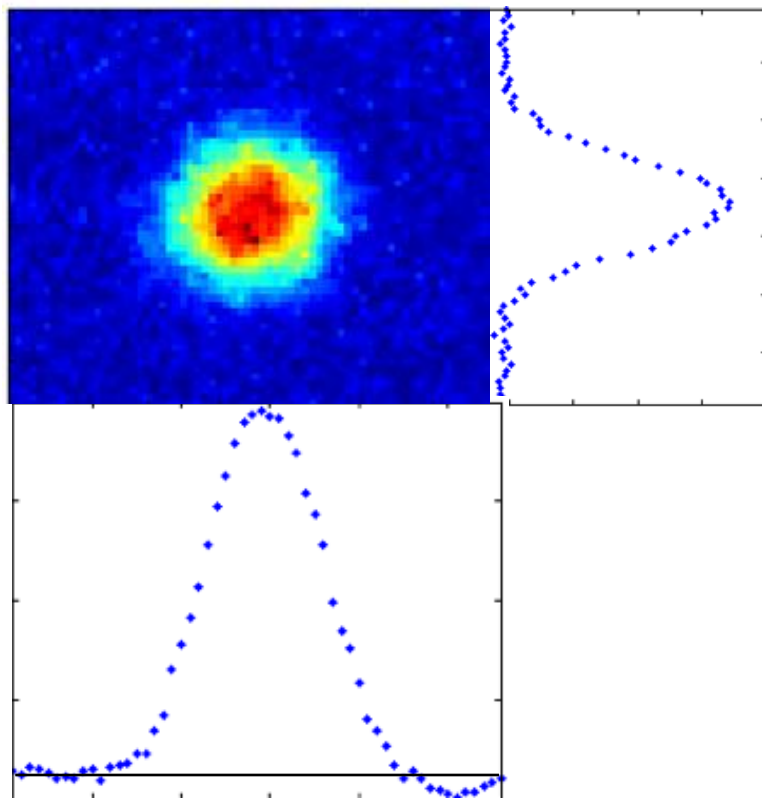
^{161}Dy Sympathetically cooled with ^{161}Dy to $T/T_F < 0.3$



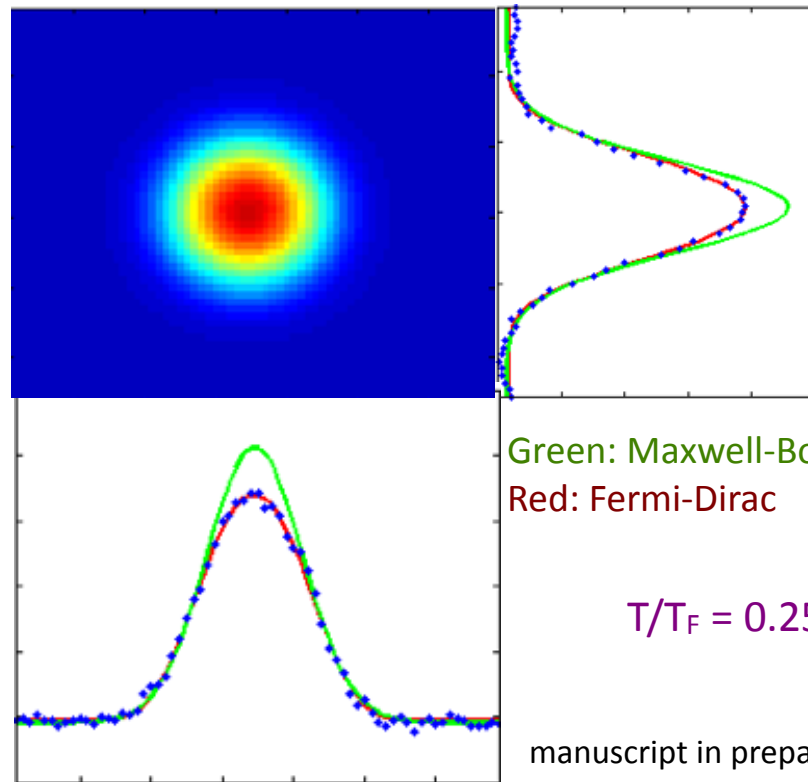
Oblate initial trap

Fermionic ^{161}Dy time-of-flight expansion

Single shot: 6×10^3 atoms



Average of three shots



Green: Maxwell-Boltzmann
Red: Fermi-Dirac

$T/T_F = 0.25$

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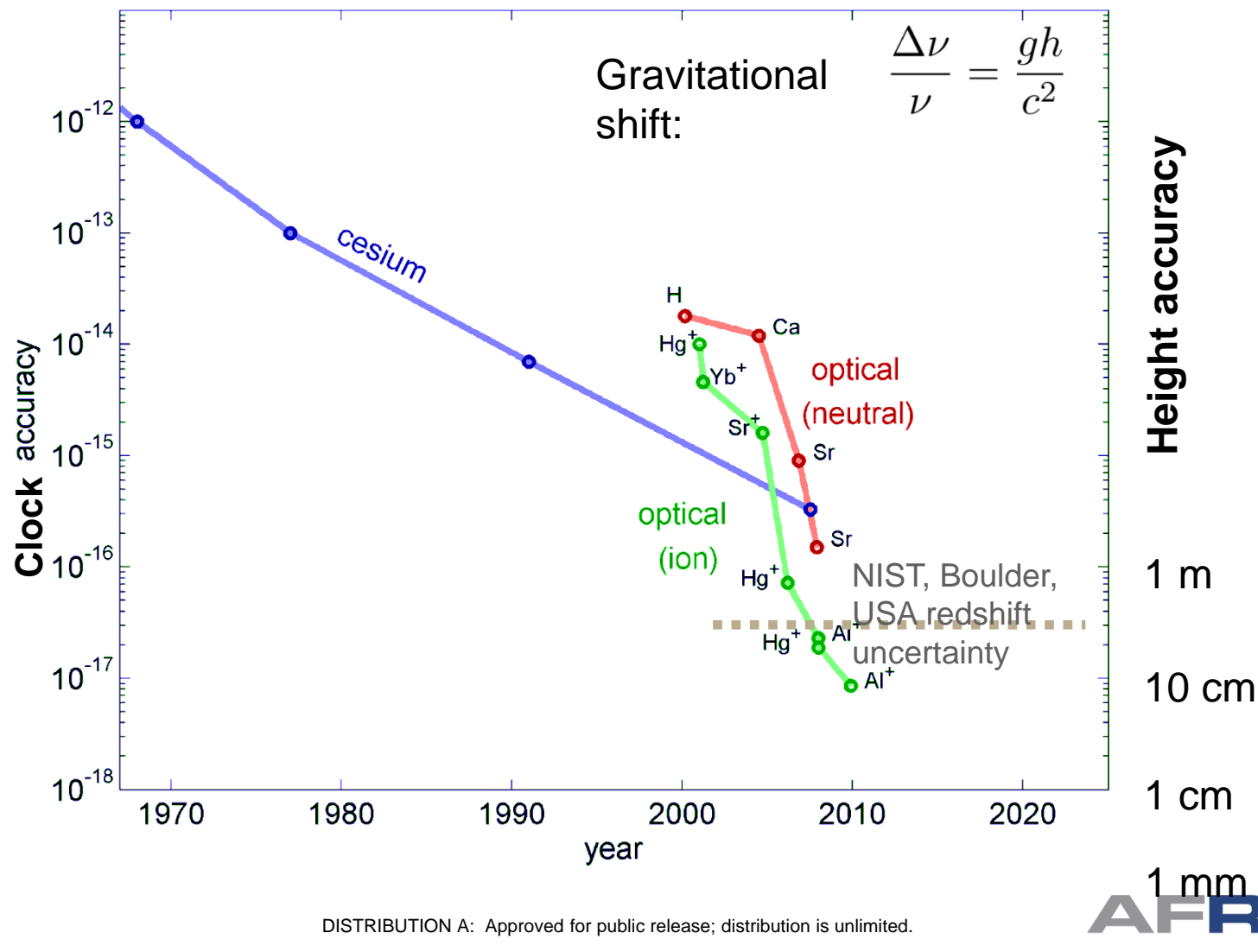
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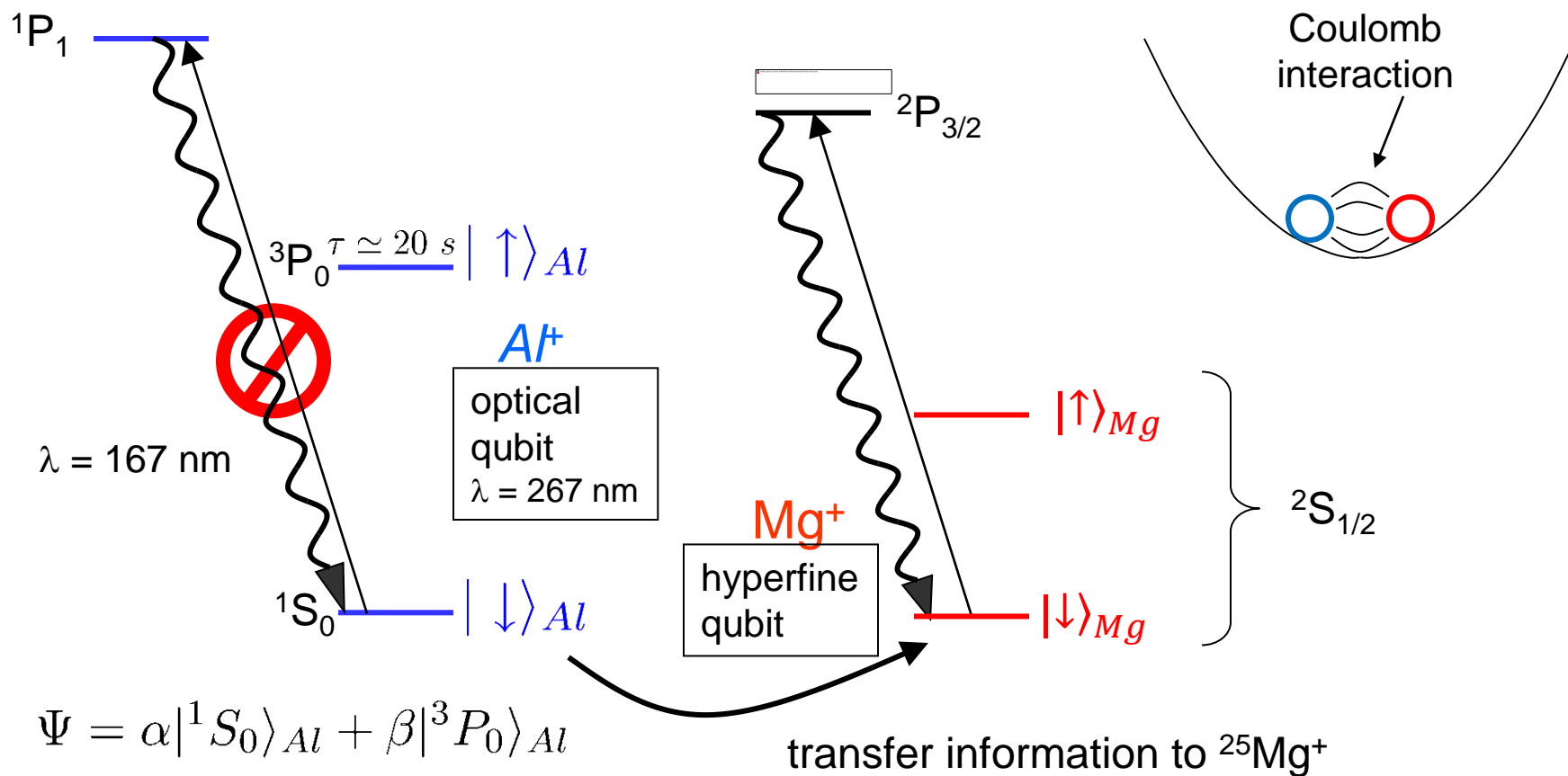


Motivation: Al^+ clock accuracy



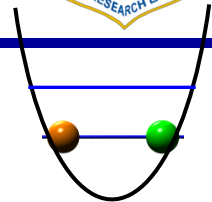


Quantum Logic Spectroscopy



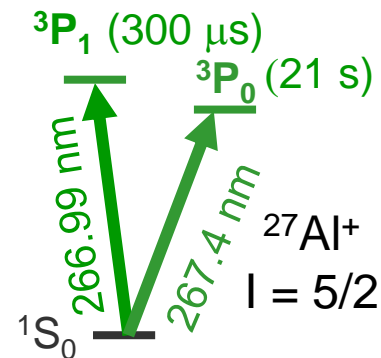
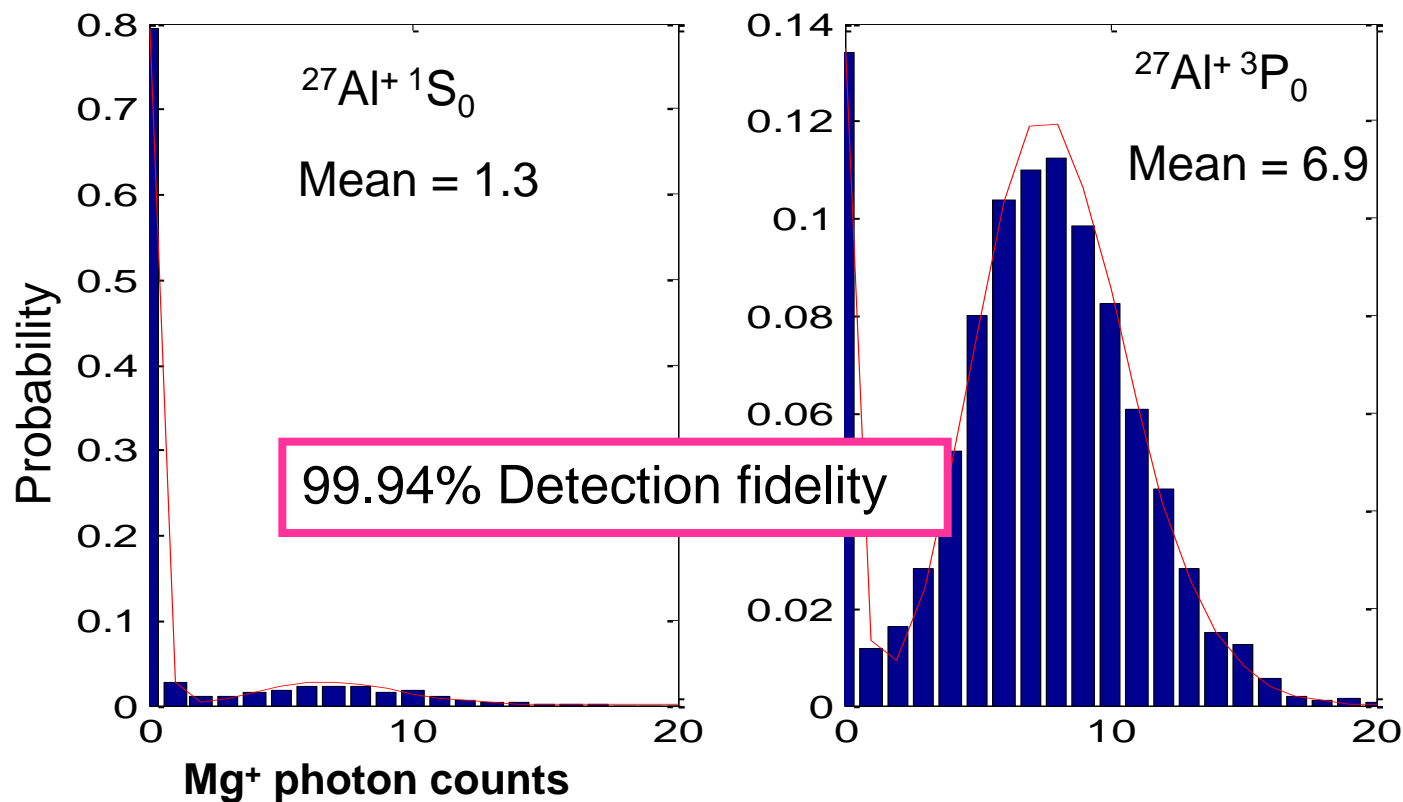


Al⁺ quantum-logic spectroscopy



1. Cool to motional ground-state with Mg⁺ (Raman cooling)
2. Depending on Al⁺ clock state, add one vibrational quantum via 1S_0 - 3P_1
3. Detect vibrational quantum with Mg⁺

QND



P.O. Schmidt, *et al.*
Science **309**, 749 (2005)

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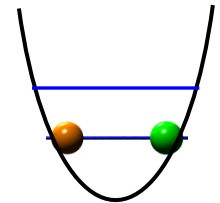


Al⁺ coherent-drive spectroscopy

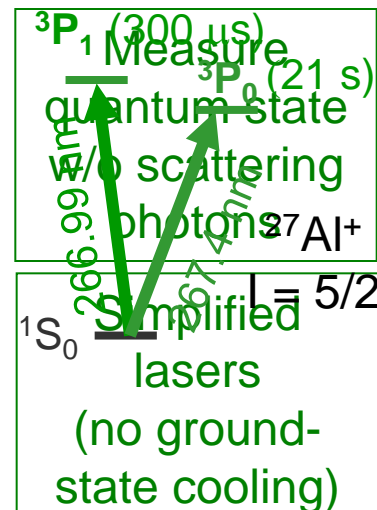
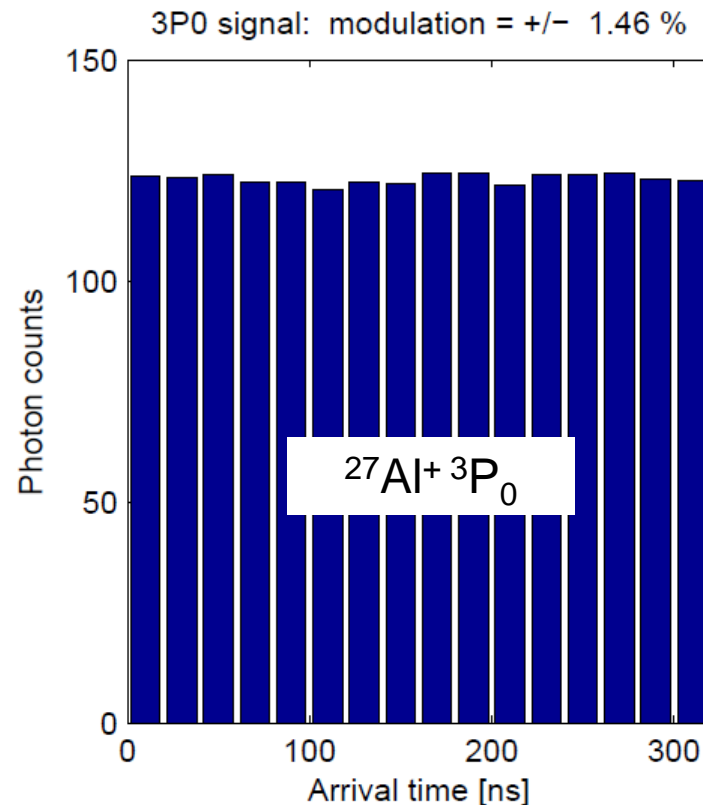
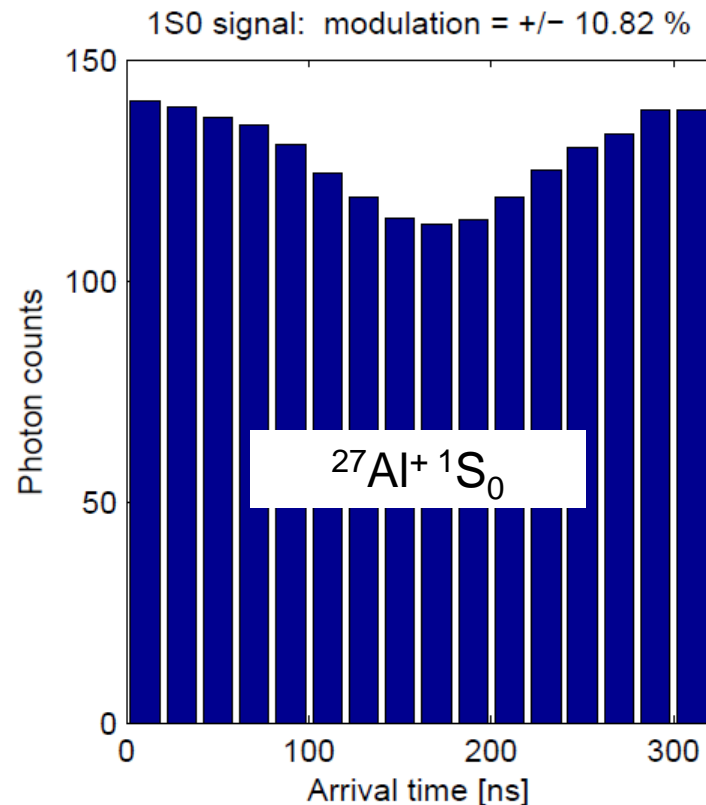


Mg⁺ Doppler

1. ~~Cool to motional ground state with Mg⁺ (Raman cooling)~~ drive coherent motion
2. Depending on Al⁺ clock state, ~~add one vibrational quantum~~ via 1S_0 - 3P_1
3. Detect ~~vibrational quantum~~ with Mg⁺ coherent motion



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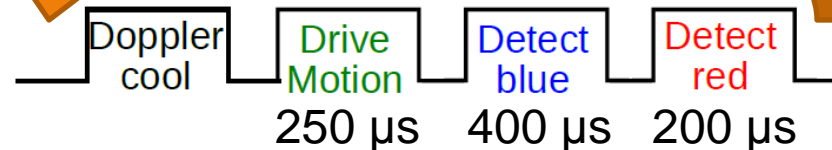
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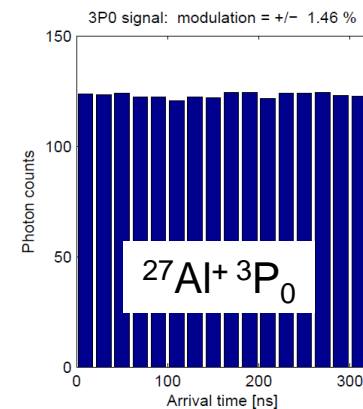
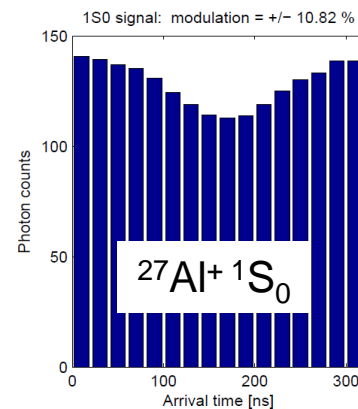
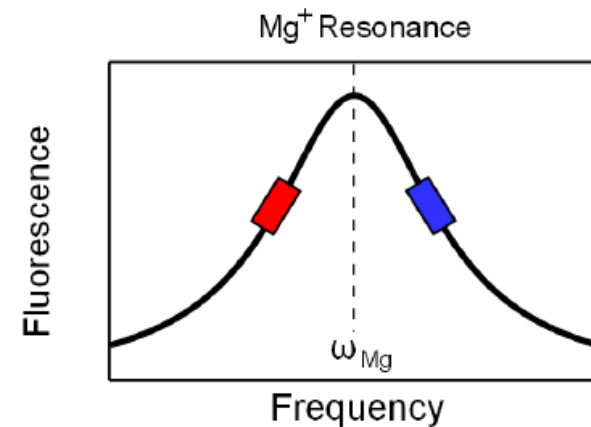
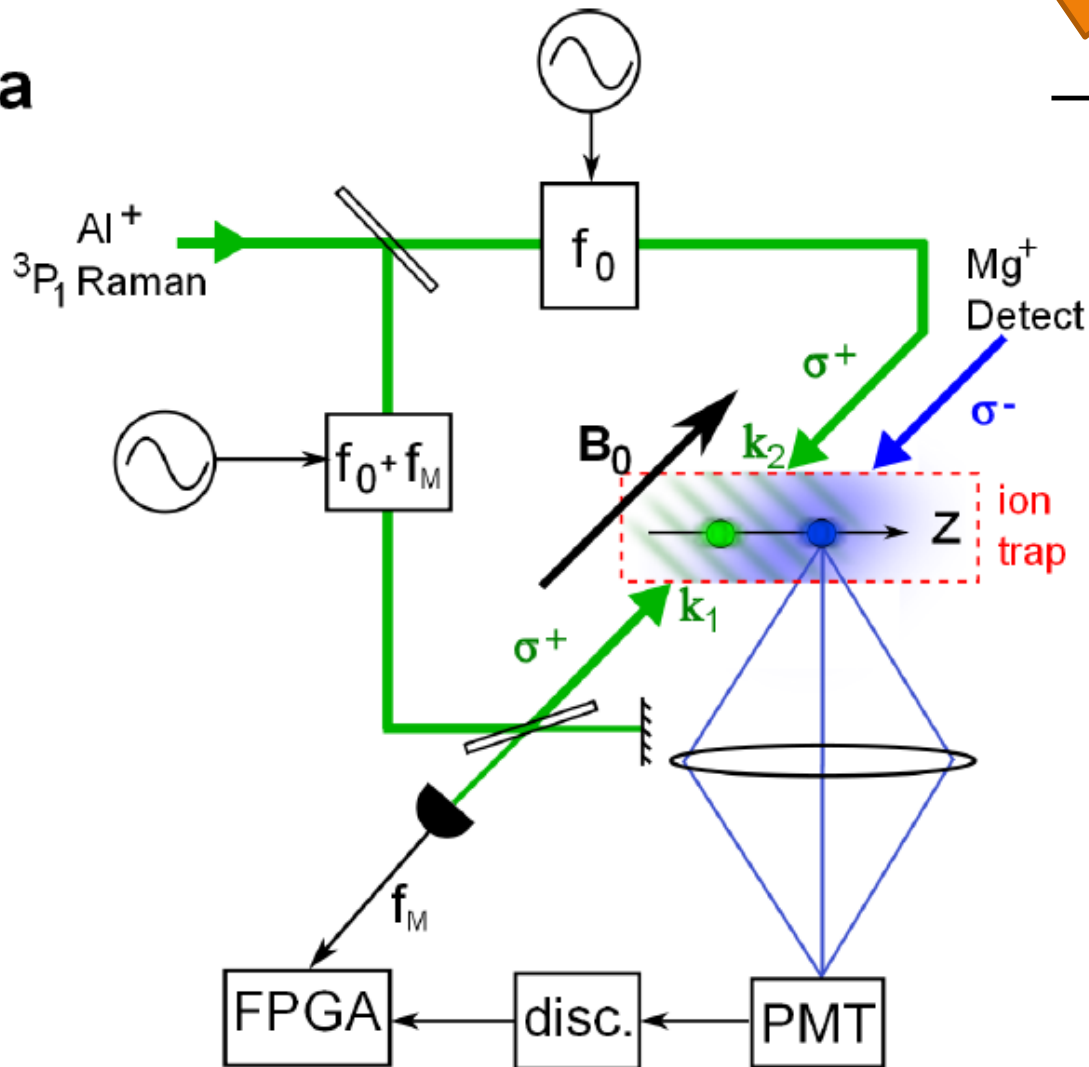
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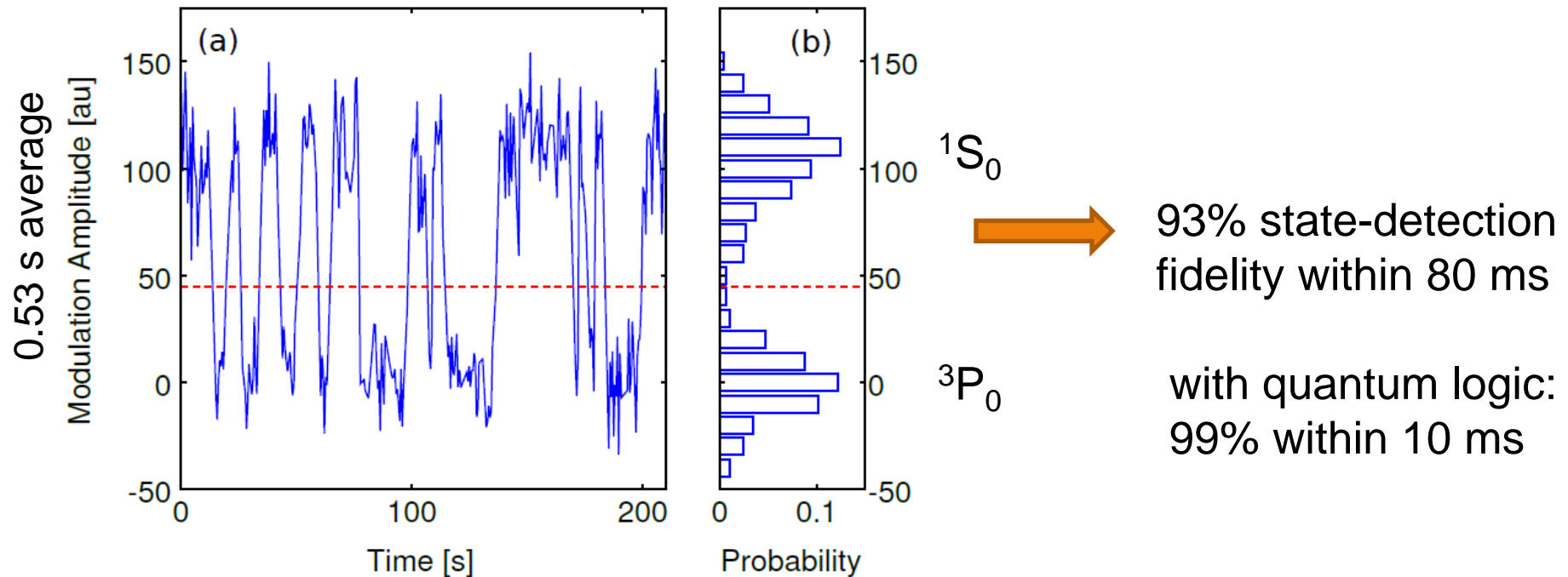




Quantum Jumps



Quantum jumps between clock states (1S_0 and 3P_0)



- Coherent drive detection rate could be improved by higher modulation amplitude or photon collection efficiency
- Can be generalized for more than one Al^+ ion



Interactions with Other Agencies



Agency/Group	POC	Scientific Area
ARO	Peter Reynolds Paul Baker	Cold Quantum Gases (CQG)
	TR Govindan	Quantum Information Science (QIS)
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NSF	Wendell Hill	CQG, QIS, UUP
DoE	Jeff Krause	CQG, UUP
IARPA	Michael Mandelberg	QIS
QISCOG	>20 program managers from ~10 agencies/institutions	QIS

Thank you